



*#911 Rejected for Reconsideration*

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-  
EXAMINING GROUP 2635**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Peter John HULME  
Serial No.: 09/194,796  
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For: A METHOD FOR REMOTELY CONTROLLING A PLURALITY OF  
APPARATUS USING A SINGLE REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 2, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Claims 1 and 23-41 are currently pending in the application. No amendments have been made to the claims and the application as presented is believed to be in condition for allowance.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the telephone interview conducted on June 14, 2004. The substance of the interview is summarized herein.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 23-25, 28, 32, 33, and 41 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being obvious over the combination of Levine (5,123,046) and Kwoh (5,852,478). The Office Action also rejected claims 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, and 34-40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being obvious over the combination of Levine and Kwoh in further combination with various other references. Applicant respectfully traverses each of these rejections, as the rejected claims patentably distinguish over the cited references, either alone or in combination.